



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 21, 1998

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RE: Mr. Erskine Bowles (MURs 4407 and 4544)

Dear Mr. Silbert:

This letter refers to your letter of July 17, 1998, regarding Subpoena and Order issued to your client, Erskine Bowles, in the above-referenced matters.

This Office and the respondents in the above-referenced matters are exploring whether formal discovery in these matters may be avoided or reduced through the use of stipulations. Subject to Federal Election Commission approval, discovery is to be stayed with respect to the respondents and some witnesses, while this Office and the respondents endeavor to draft such stipulations. Should the need arise, non-respondent witnesses within the scope of the stay may be asked informally to provide information needed for the preparation of the stipulations. Furthermore, discovery may be resumed at a later date. Lyn Utrecht, Esquire, who represents some of the respondents and witnesses in these matters, has requested that your client be included within the scope of the stay.

Thus, upon the Commission approving a stay of discovery, no further discovery response would be required from your client in these matters unless and until further notice.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joel J. Roessner", is written above the printed name.

Joel J. Roessner
Attorney